

General Information for Use of this Manual

Codes and abbreviations used throughout manual:

300.:	Legal citations beginning with this number refer to 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 300
AGENCY:	Responsible public agency (i.e., local school district, special school district, Charter School, State Board Operated Program, or other public agency)
DESE:	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DFS:	Department of Family Services
DMH:	Department of Mental Health
DOC:	Department of Corrections
DYS:	Division of Youth Services
ECSE:	Early Childhood Special Education
EDGAR:	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
FAPE:	Free appropriate public education
FERPA:	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
GEPA:	General Education Provision Act
IDEA:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP:	Individualized Education Program
LRE:	Least Restrictive Environment
Part C:	The section of IDEA that provides for children with disabilities ages birth to three.
RSMo:	The Public School Laws of Missouri (Regulations of the State of Missouri)
SP():	The Missouri State Plan for Special Education and specific section number

Additional information regarding the manual's format:

Legal citations are found at the beginning of a section or throughout each document.

Each document has a three-column format.

- 1) The “Legal Requirements” column, on the left, states the requirement and cross-references each to the appropriate legal citation.
- 2) The “Indicators” column, in the center, provides an explanation for meeting the legal requirement. In some cases, additional clarification or examples are provided. The format for this section is as follows:
 - a) Closed round and square bullets identify required components
 - b) Open round bullets provide additional information to clarify the requirement
- 3) The “Data Sources” column provides examples for documentation of the required information. Information may not necessarily be found in all sources or limited to only those listed.